

Q.—463. Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY
(Malur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

the steps taken to utilise the land donated under Vidyadan and Bhoodan movement in the State ?

A.—Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO
(Minister for Law and Education).—

The Department has now entrusted the work to a Special Officer i.e., Land Utilisation Officer recently appointed by Government. In the first instance a survey of the acquired lands is being conducted. Cultivation of gift lands has been entrusted to the School Welfare Committees constituted for this purpose. Such Committees have been formed for all the schools. With the participation of local committees in the affairs of the schools, they are expected to be Social Education Centres of the area.

In regard to the cultivation of lands that are not in close proximity to the schools, arrangements are being made for planting fuel trees or to lease them out to the donors for cultivation. The local authorities are taking necessary steps in this behalf. In regard to lands situated within a distance of half a mile from a Primary School, within one mile from a Middle School and within one to one-and-a-half miles from a High School, arrangements are being made to cultivate such lands with the help of students and the staff of the respective schools.

The Government has sanctioned Rs. 1.5 lakhs for purchasing agricultural implements to the schools and another sum of Rs. 1 lakh for other expenses for the year 1955-56. The Implements Factory at Hassan has been requested to manufacture implements to suit the needs of pupils.

Q.—502. Sri D. M. GOVINDARAJU
(Nelamangala).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

the action taken by them for cultivation of lands granted under Bhoodan-Vidyadan movement ?

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(Minister for Law and Education).—

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Sri G. SIVAPPA.—May I know how this amount is utilised or spent ?

***Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.**—Whichever School Committee has taken it, it has spent it for cultivation purposes.

Sri G. SIVAPPA.—For what purpose is this amount spent ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—Generally for cultivation purpose and in order to protect the draught, they must have used it.

Sri G. SIVAPPA.—May I bring to the notice of the Government that this amount is spent for the purchase of bullocks and carts and manure—all these things ?